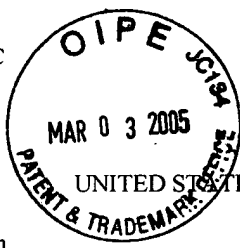


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PATENT APPLICATION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment – “**Response B**” (**Response to OA 12-3-2004**) ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee  
(X) Other: **Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY SMALL ENTITY                    |  |                        |  |                         |             |                           |
|--|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | (3)<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4)<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEES |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                      | 17   | MINUS                  | 17   | =                       | X \$25      | \$0                       |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                                     | 2  | MINUS                  | 2  | =                       | X \$100     | \$0                       |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |  |                        |  |                         | + \$180     | \$0                       |
| EXTENSION<br>FEE                                     | 1ST MONTH<br>\$60                          | 2ND MONTH<br>\$225     | 3RD MONTH<br>\$510                           | 4TH MONTH<br>\$795      | \$          |                           |
| TOTAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT                      |  |                        |  |                         | \$0         |                           |

- ( ) Attached is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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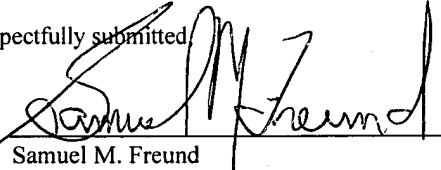
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